

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:  
refusing, by a drive, to optically read information from encoded on a first optically readable surface of an optical medium when required auxiliary information on a second surface of the optical medium cannot be optically read from a second optically readable surface, one of the first and second optically readable surfaces being underneath and optically read through the other of the first and second optically readable surfaces.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
optically reading, from the first optically readable surface, at least part of the information that indicates that the auxiliary information on the second surface is required on the second optically readable surface.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
~~refusing, by the drive, to provide information from a data surface of the optical medium when required information on an external surface of the optical medium cannot be read~~wherein the second optically readable surface is an external surface of the optical disk.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
~~refusing, by the drive, to provide information from a first data surface of the optical medium when required information on a second data surface of the optical medium cannot be read~~wherein the first optically readable surface is an internal data surface of the optical disk.

5. (Currently amended) An optical medium, comprising:
- a first surface, the first surface comprising encoded information that comprises having an indication that information encoded on a second surface is required to permit access to content on the first surface;
  - the information encoded on the second surface corresponding to the indication on the first surface; and
  - an upper optically readable surface of the first and second surfaces being partially reflective and permitting optical access to a lower optically readable surface of the first and second surfaces underneath the upper optically readable surface.
6. (Original) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
- the first surface being an internal data surface; and
  - the second surface being an external surface.
7. (Original) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
- the first surface being an external surface; and
  - the second surface being an internal data surface.
8. (Original) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
- each of the first surface and the second surface being an internal data surface.
9. (Currently amended) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
- the information encoded on the second surface comprising a bar code.
10. (Currently amended) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
- the information encoded on at least one of the first and second surfaces comprising data in a control block.

11. (Currently amended) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:  
the information encoded on at least one of the first and second surfaces comprising data encoded in groove wobble.
12. (Currently amended) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:  
the information encoded on at least one of the first and second surfaces comprising data embedded within other data.
13. (Currently amended) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:  
the information encoded on the second surface comprising variable information.
14. (Currently amended) The optical medium of claim 13, further comprising:  
the information encoded on the second surface comprising a unique identifier of the optical medium.
15. (Currently amended) A drive for optical media, comprising:  
a controller, the controller permitting external access to information from encoded on a first surface on an optical medium, only when required encoded information can be optically read ~~[[on]]~~ from a second surface on the optical medium;  
wherein the controller causes a lens to optically focus on a lower optically readable surface of the first and second surfaces through an upper optically readable surface of the first and second surfaces above the lower optically readable surface.

16. (Currently amended) A drive for optical media, comprising:

means for detecting that information encoded on a first surface of an optical medium is required;

means for refusing to permit external access external to information ~~from~~ encoded on a second surface of the optical medium, unless the required information encoded on the first surface can be read by the drive; and

means for optically focusing on a lower optically readable surface of the first and second surfaces through an upper optically readable surface of the first and second surfaces above the lower optically readable surface.